

**WBTV**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**Significant Issues and Responsive Programming**  
**October 1 – December 31, 2008**

Following are the categories of issues/concerns determined by WBTV to be of significance in the service area. Under each are described typical and illustrative programs, broadcast during the period, to address those problems and needs. This listing is representative only. It is neither a comprehensive listing of all needs of the service areas as ascertained by the licensee nor the totality of the licensee's responsive programming to those needs.

Applicable CBS/network programming is attached by hard copy. All responsive local programming produced outside the already dedicated newscasts is aired in prime access time periods.

Utilizing information gathered from news personnel, WBTV staff members, local community groups and leaders, and viewer research the following list has been compiled and is the most current significant problems, needs, and interests within our community today. Below is a representative list:

**Public Safety**

**Economy**

**Social/Human Services**

## **WBTV NEWSCASTS:**

### *Monday – Friday*

5:00-5:30 a.m.  
5:30-6:00 a.m.  
6:00-7:00 a.m.  
12 Noon-12:30 p.m.  
5:00-5:30 p.m.  
5:30-6:00 p.m.  
6:00-6:30 p.m.  
7:00-7:30 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

### *Saturday*

6:00-8:00 a.m.\*  
6:00-6:30 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

### *Sunday*

6:30-7:00 p.m.  
11:00-11:35 p.m.

A Monday-Sunday 10:00-10:30 p.m. Newscast is also produced for another local station (WJZY).

**WBTV NEWS PRIMETIME** - As in most major markets, many working people in the Charlotte DMA do not have the opportunity to see local news at a time that is convenient for them. For this reason, WBTV 3 On Your Side became the first station in Charlotte to expand Local News to 7:00 p.m. This WBTV Newscast reaches an entirely new segment of the population that has wanted to watch local news, but just did not get home in time for the traditional early newscasts.

\*New newscast - began in October, 2008

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

*10/14/08 Neighborhood Safety (7 p.m. 0:29, 10 p.m. 0:47)*

Julie Eiselt is one of the organizers behind Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte. She helped with their online survey, sent to Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners. She's hoping voters will check it out. "If things aren't going well, you need to direct the questions and demands to people who run the system." Candidates answered five questions, ranking their priorities. The top three -- deal with repeat offenders, hire more police and fund the courts.

*10/22/08 Train Safety (6 p.m. 0:26)*

The folks from Operation Lifesaver were in Charlotte today talking about railroad safety and the dangers around the tracks. North Carolina is approaching the top 15 states in the nation in collisions. WBTV On Your Side tonight to help you stay safe at railroad crossings. First - approach every crossing with care. Second -- double check before you move. And finally -- keep going once you start -- even if lights start to flash or gates come down.

*10/31/08 Halloween Safety (5 a.m. 0:35, 6 a.m. 0:33, 12 Noon 0:34)*

And as you head out with your little ones... especially if it's their first time out... keep these safety suggestions in mind. First take a flashlight with you because it's getting darker earlier. Second, wear reflective clothing so drivers can see you. Third make sure your child's costume fits well... not too long so they can avoid tripping over it. Experts are also suggesting that if you aren't going out with your kids... make sure you know their route and give them a cell phone in case they need you.

*11/1/08 Medic Training (10 p.m. 0:37, 11 p.m. 0:37)*

Almost everyone has to adapt in a struggling economy, including our emergency responders. Today - Emergency crews from Mecklenburg County and ten others came together for a large training session. The group was learning how to work as a team in the event of a massive disaster. They were also learning to work better with LESS. We're told the training is very important for YOUR safety.

*11/11/08 Construction Safety (5 a.m. 0:47, 6 a.m. 0:46, Morning News Breaks 7-9 a.m. 0:28)*

Safety is becoming a major issue in uptown Charlotte as construction continues to the Wachovia building. For the second time in days... Debris has fallen onto the street below. Yesterday a beam being hoisted to the top of the Tower came unfastened... Topped down at least 25 stories before smashing onto a school bus. Luckily no children were on board... The bus driver was taken to the hospital. Just last week at the same construction site...glass fell, hitting a car on the street.

*11/25/08 Dangerous Toys (10 p.m. 0:25) / 11/26/08 (5 a.m. 0:29)*

Whatever gifts you decide to buy for your children, make sure they are safe. Safety advocates say these are just some of the toys which could be dangerous. The U-S public interest group, Safety, puts out a shopping guide for parents every year. Few pieces of advice...avoid magnetic tools for children under six, and make sure you read all warning labels. A list of toxic toys is posted a link on our Website..just click on All Access.

*11/27/08 Food Poisoning Prevention (6 a.m. 2:47)*

Let's talk about some things to keep in mind to prevent food poisoning. Not only when eating out, but in our own kitchens.

First: Cleanliness. Not only the work area, but also the food preparer. We're talking about hands and clothes.

Second: Organization. Food, utensils, cutting boards, you don't want things getting mixed up.

The third thing: Temperature. It bears repeating. It can be the biggest threat. Hot foods need to stay hot. Cold foods need to stay cold.

*12/16/08 Safety Task Force (5 p.m. 1:07, 7 p.m. 0:36)*

A meeting was held to talk about public safety in Mecklenburg County. They're talking about 16 different ideas to improve the criminal justice system with county commissioners. This is the same group that brought up the idea of hiring a crime czar.... We're learning more about what that position could do and will keep you updated.

*12/18/08 Swimming Pool Safety (7 p.m. 0:26)*

It's almost Christmas - so you may not be thinking about swimming ... Which makes it the perfect time for the government to add new safety regulations at your favorite pool. A law that goes on the books tomorrow requires public pools and spas to have covers preventing children from getting sucked into drains. Pools that don't comply will have to shut down. Crews at the Marion Deihl Center on Tyvola Road have been changing the drains this week.

*12/30/08 New Year's Eve Safety Precautions (6 p.m. 1:32, 10 p.m. 1:10; 11 p.m. 0:20)*

Police unveiled their game plan for New Years Eve...Hundreds of cops expected downtown tomorrow night...About 35 off duty officers watching the parking lots and bar crowds..

They'll be monitoring the 50 cameras positioned downtown...thinking about drinking out on the streets? Shouldn't see a lot of the young troublemakers like we've seen downtown on Fourth of July a couple of years ago...Anyone 16 and under has to be home or accompanied by a parent..otherwise they'll be violating curfew...If you're drinking...toss the keys to a friend...Police also plan to have roving DUI Checkpoints throughout the night into the morning.

*12/31/08 New Year's Eve Safety Precautions (7 p.m. 0:35, 10 p.m. 0:49, 11 p.m. 1:00)*

Several hundred officers will be on patrol. And cops will be using the city's 50 surveillance cameras to keep an eye on the crowds. A note to party go-ers, officers really want you to report overcrowded bars and restaurants. If you feel cramped in a bar, call 9-1-1 and ask for the fire department, it's for your safety.

## **ECONOMY**

*10/15/08 Candidates on Economy (5 a.m. 1:11, 6 a.m. 1:13)*

*Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain announce their plans for the US struggling economy.*

10/22/08 8-9 p.m. WBTV Local News Special **"Economic Survival Guide"**  
WBTV aired an hour-long economic survival guide special from 8-9 p.m. on 10/22/08. WBTV hosted a panel of guests to talk about the economy and take viewers questions via phone calls and emails.

Panel Members:

Lynn Davidson \FINANCIAL PLANNER  
Doug Hartjes \CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY  
David Clegg \NC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
Rodney Adams\Mecklenburg Co. Services for Adults

10/30/08 – 11/26/08 News Series **"20 Days/20 Ways to Survive the Economy"**  
Every Weekday (5 a.m., 6 a.m.)  
WBTV News This Morning produced a series of special reports every weekday between 10/30/08 and 11/26/08; "20 Days, 20 Ways to Survive the Economy" Experts were brought in, and viewers were encouraged to email their questions on the economy.

10/31/08 *Dirt Track Economy* (5:30 p.m. 1:15)  
Tourism is driving Concord and Cabarrus County, from dirt to asphalt to grass, fans are here from 46 states, and turning loose of more than a few dollars. Ron Eagan and his family are in town from Georgia, staying three nights at a local hotel. They are typical of the economy that has made Concord a boom town. The state's largest tourist attraction isn't a race track, but Concord Mills, and the new water park and resort, the Great Wolf Lodge will be opening in the spring...still, in a tight economy, people spending less on leisure, could that be a worry for local leaders? "I expect a downturn but I don't think we'll be affected as severely with our tourism dollars because people like to come to these events, they may not stay as long, maybe a few other people don't show up, but I think overall our tourism are still going to fair pretty well."

11/20/08 *Unemployment #'s* (7 p.m. 0:31)  
If Bank employees lose their jobs, they will join the largest number of unemployed Americans in 16 years. Three big headlines on our economy show just how bad things are. This afternoon Congress passed a bill extending jobless benefits through December. President Bush pressured Congress to pass the bill to help people who would otherwise lose their unemployment checks. More Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week than have since 1992.

11/27/08 *Friday Spending* (5 a.m. 0:34, 6 a.m. 0:34)  
Tomorrow marks the official start to the holiday shopping season. And according to many economists...sales are expected to be dismal. A new report shows American spending has dropped by the largest amount since 2001. The tough economy is even hurting stores that cater to the wealthy. Tiffany's says U.S. sales are weak and the luxury jeweler is warning layoffs could be coming. The good news...you can expect even more sales and deals

tomorrow than normal. And stores will be opening earlier than ever on Black Friday...coming up in a few minutes we'll look at store hours for tomorrow.

*12/11/08 Surviving the Economy (5 a.m. 1:27; 12/10/08 10 p.m. 0:23)*

"Act like a leader and not an employee of the company."

That's one thing Michelle Fish, founder and CEO of Integra Staffing offered to this group of young professionals at an Engage Charlotte luncheon this afternoon. She also advised to make sure your bosses know when you do something well. "Toot your own horn. Absolutely. And don't be afraid of that." Fish, along with Tom Lane, a partner with Whitehead Associates and John Stamas, a co-founder of Defender Capital, a global investment firm, told this group if you lose your job... get right back out there. That hit home with Robert Furr... an employee with Sharonview Federal Credit Union. "Immediately go after those jobs. Go after it. Don't depend on your severance." The experts said if you lose your job and have to go out looking again...don't cast a wide net. Be very clear in what you're looking for.

*12/17/08 York County Business (5:30 p.m. 2:14)*

Richard Lewis says the secret to the store's longevity is creating a specific niche so customers will make a special trip just to come to their store.

"Our customer base really goes all the way up into Charlotte and Monroe and we have people drive a long way to come see us" Even in this economic slowdown both stores anticipate being in business next year. And Bailes offers up some advice for other small businesses to keep their doors open when it's slow. "I anticipate business to be off some and that's the secret in being a small business you trim your expenses you trim your investment in your inventory and sometimes when business is off a little bit you can still turn a profit, because you not spent as much."

*12/21/08 Shoppers Cutting Back (10 p.m. 0:38, 11 p.m. 0:38)*

Three shopping days left until Christmas -- and shoppers are packing the mall. But don't be tricked by all the foot traffic...the economy is still driving how much they spend. People are still coming to the mall - but they are not really willing to part with their money, but you can't blame them. So it's pretty down. I've been more careful, trying to find more discounts, coupons and uh, cutting back on how much I'm spending. Like she said -- a lot of people are cutting back. Several business owners say THAT is cutting into THEIR bottom line. In one mall -- some owners told us they're expecting between a 50 to 70-percent drop in sales this holiday season.

*12/24/08 Church Donations (7 p.m. 0:29)*

The rough economy is impacting area churches... we talk with two different ones today... both say the same thing: Attendance might be up, but giving is down. The two pastors said it makes sense -- people cling to their faith during hard times. But they're clinging to faith because they don't have as much financially to give. The Wall Street Journal reports church giving down ten to 15-percent for

some congregations. "A lot of our members are older members, lived in Derita all their lives. They're on fixed incomes and it is a difficult time." He says they also have lots of Wachovia employees -- who don't know what the future holds.

*12/26/08 Recession (10 p.m. 1:32)*

The recession has claimed millions of jobs in numerous fields. That has people seeking the few professions that are still hiring.... like nursing. "THIS PAST SEMESTER WE HAD 1100 APPLICATIONS FOR 200 SLOTS." From nurses to pharmacists.. health care is thriving because of our aging population. But it's not the only industry that's weathering this recession.

*12/31/08 Gyms and the Economy (6 a.m. 0:51)*

Many of you will be making a New Year's Resolution... And one of the most popular is to get in shape. Now gyms are going the extra mile to lure in new members with the sagging economy. Peak Fitness no longer makes folks commit and sign a contract to join. Meanwhile the Y-M-C-A is doubling the length of time it's not charging a joining fee this year. It's also giving out more financial assistance than ever to members who need it.

## **SOCIAL; HUMAN SERVICES**

*10/09/08 Gay Friendly (11 p.m. 2:07)*

Gay students targeted for harassment at school may have a new option...Chicago is planning to launch "the social justice pride campus." A public school open to anyone... But especially to kids who feel unsafe because they're gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. It's a controversial idea... Even within the gay community. I think it isolates students...I also think it doesn't reflect the real world." Gay-friendly schools already exist in New York, San Francisco, and Milwaukee. The Chicago school is up for approval later this month.

*10/16/08 Social Security Hike (12 Noon 0:20)*

Everyone receiving a Social Security check is getting a raise. Starting in 2009 you'll get an extra 60-dollars a month. It's the largest cost of living increase since 1982. The larger checks are coming as the first Baby-boomers start signing up for benefits. The transitioning workforce threatens to bankrupt the entitlement program.

*11/06/08 Crisis Assistance (5 a.m. 0:21, 6 a.m. 0:30)*

We have a link to the Crisis Assistance web site on wbtv dot com. Just click on news, then morning news and look for 20 Days, 20 Ways to Survive the Economy. Coming up tomorrow, how to keep your credit clean in these tough economic times. We're On Your Side, giving you a chance to ask an expert. We'll have financial advisor John Putnam here to answer your credit questions.

*11/15/08 Free Dental Clinic (6 a.m. 1:02, 7 a.m. 1:09)*

Getting her girls to the dentist hasn't always been easy for LaTissue Brown. "It's very hard - very hard some people just can't afford it with the economy the way it is - thank God for medicaid." Now she comes to the Smile Zone in Gastonia - doctors here treat young patients - most of whom do not have dental insurance. "the economy is down right now - its expensive - people putting it to the side - we have a lot of citizens in pain who need to get teeth addressed." In fact they opened the practice here because there was such a need.

*11/20/08 NC Music Factory (7 p.m. 2:18)*

Ribbon cutting on the NC Music Factory today.. signaling the opening of a new road to the site. A vision in the works for the last decade.. to take a section of uptown cut off from the rest of center city and turn it into an entertainment mecca on the order of a New Orleans' French Quarter.

*12/10/08 Social Networking (6 p.m. 1:21, 7 p.m. 0:32, 11 p.m. 0:34)*

Mary McCray represents more than 3 thousand CMS teachers. She is now warning them about not only can their postings on Facebook get them in trouble but their language and pictures on networking sites like E-harmony, Match dot com, Black Planet, Blogspot and other sites where you have to offer a profile of yourself can end a career. Don't put anything on your site you don't want read out loud in a court of law or that you wouldn't want your mother to read.

*12/11/08 Daschle Health and Human Services Secretary (12 Noon 0:24)*

President-elect Barack Obama named former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle to two positions in his administration. Obama tapped him to be the next pick for Health and Human Services secretary. Daschle will also run the new White House Office of Health Reform. He has said the Obama administration will need to focus on health care policy that has broad support without getting bogged down in details.

*12/17/08 Foreclosure Help (5 a.m. 0:24, 6 a.m. 0:23)*

And this morning if you're struggling to pay your mortgage... There is help. Tuesday night the staff of United Family Services held a counseling session for families facing foreclosure. The agency meets with people free of charge the first and third Tuesday of every month. For more information you can call 866-230-0956.... We've also posted that number on our web channel... Wbtv.com under all access.

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS SEGMENTS:**

***"Inside CMS" Monday, 5:00-7:00 a.m., 5:00-6:30 p.m.***

WBTV reporter Dedrick Russell takes an in-depth look at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System and reports on a variety of issues or "good news"



happening within the schools. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are the largest school system in the Charlotte DMA; 30% of Charlotte DMA residents reside in Mecklenburg County.

***"Don't Get Duped" Tuesday, 5:00-7:00 a.m.***

Anchor Barbara Pinson produces and fronts consumer focused news stories on helping buyers avoid scams and rip-offs. Product recalls, and Safety alerts are frequently profiled in these reports.

***"What's Going Around" Wednesday, 5:00-7:00 a.m., 5:00-5:30 p.m.***

Special segment on illnesses going around in the Charlotte DMA. County by county analysis provided with a listing of cold/flu/virus' going around. This information is obtained from local doctor's offices/medical centers in the Charlotte DMA.

***Neighborhood Safety Thursday, 5:00-7:00 a.m.***

Reporter Rob Tufano, a former New York City police officer, focuses on crime issues in specific neighborhoods and how local citizens can protect themselves.

***"Cam-Man" Monday-Friday, 5:30-6 p.m.***

Reporter Ron Lee packages together much of the "spot news" of the day... minor fender-benders, community events, fund-raisers, etc. are all packaged together into a 2-3 minute segment.

***"Cover Story" Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.***

Reporter Jeff Atkinson takes an in-depth look at a current community issue affecting our area.

***"Off the Dish" Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.***

Stories from around the country or around the world are profiled on WBTV News Primetime's "Off the Dish". Typically concentrating on stories with amazing "must-see" video.

***"Carolina Watch" Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.***

Stories from around the Carolinas are profiled in "Carolina Watch" daily.

***"Your Day in 3" Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:30 p.m.***

Anchor/Reporter Jamie Boli summarizes all the day's top stories in "Your Day in 3" during WBTV News Primetime.

***Healthbeat 5:30-6:00 p.m. (various weeknights)***

Anchor Tonia Bendickson tackles current health issues targeted at key viewers. Parenting stories and those affecting the children in the community are also a major focus.

**Government 5:00-6:30 p.m.** (various weeknights)

WBTV News 3 focuses extensive coverage of major government issues that effect local taxpayers. A recent major issue includes delays in the construction and repairs of major Charlotte area highways.

Reporter Sharon Smith examines how the court system fails to keep repeat offenders behind bars, putting them back on the streets, putting all of our personal safety at risk in her continuing series, Failed Justice.

**3 ON YOUR SIDE** (included in all Newscasts)

Focused beats assigned to key anchors with demonstrated viewer benefit. Consumer, Health, Product Recalls, etc. are just some of the stories that have the "On Your Side" viewer benefit. These "On Your Side" stories air in every WBTV newscast daily.

## **WBTV EDITORIALS:**

*"Speak Out" is an expression of opinion from the Editorial Board of WBTV, and is presented by General Manager, Nick Simonette.*

### **October**

**Register to Vote** - If you think the wrong President was elected in 2000, whose fault was it? If local politicians approved an uptown arena against your wishes, then who was to blame? If you didn't vote in those recent elections, point the finger at yourself. You're at least partially responsible for any resulting mess. And frankly, we don't want to hear any bellyaching from you. The deadline to register for the General Election is this Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. We strongly encourage you to register, and then head out to the polls in November.

**Breast Cancer Awareness** - Last weekend, thousands of you turned out for the "Susan G. Komen's Charlotte Race For The Cure." Many runners were breast cancer survivors. Many others were running or walking in memory of someone they lost to this disease. It was an inspiring event which raised awareness and funding for critical research. But if we are going to beat this killer and eliminate breast cancer, this needs to be a year-round battle. Empower yourself with the knowledge that early detection is your key to survival. Look for more information at [wbtv.com](http://wbtv.com). Join the fight against breast cancer to save yourself, or someone you love.

**Narrow Focus** - Two of Charlotte's top three employers are Wachovia and Bank of America. That makes us the second largest banking city in the nation. With the recent news involving Wachovia's buy-out, many of its 20,000 employees could lose their jobs. It's scary for them, and scary for our city. Wachovia job-loss will have a HUGE impact on our region. We need to help encourage diversifying our business base.

**Selling Charlotte** - Past couple weeks city leaders have been selling Charlotte to big businesses from San Francisco to New York...companies who will decide whether to keep jobs here or move them elsewhere. How would you sell the city? What would you say?

**Don't Be A Sucker** - Recently CMS school board member Larry Gauvreau called his colleagues a bunch of suckers for giving Superintendent Peter Gorman a 7-thousand dollar raise and a whopping 18-thousand dollar bonus. Most people think a bonus means you're getting the job done...or going above and beyond the call of duty. But in this case, some school board members say academic and personal goals set in Gorman's contract were not met. Some board members say some goals were unrealistic... But still the county's top educator went to the bank richer. We say before Gorman's next evaluation rolls around...keep track of his progress and speak out so you can tell your school board representative whether to say yeah or nay to a bonus.

*Educated Voter* - Election talk is everywhere. More and more people encouraging you to get out and vote. We agree. You should vote. More importantly, we think you should educate yourself before doing so. Not just on the Presidential race... but all those smaller races, too. Because of sheer numbers, your vote usually counts more in local competitions. To make it easy – go to WBTV.com for a list of non-partisan sites you can get information on the election. Check out the sites. Do some homework. You don't want to get inside the booth Tuesday, look at a race and think, "Who are these people?"

#### **November**

*Rodney Monroe Degree* - What a five months for CMPD Police Chief Rodney Monroe. The questioning of his bachelor's degree started as a whisper, gained an audience, was investigated twice, went through a phase of being ignored, as the chief kept digging his heels in and finally, last week, took a 180-degree turn. But Chief Monroe -- let's be very clear about this -- the reason this is still an issue is because you didn't put it to rest five months ago. Virginia Commonwealth University gave you a degree. The school messed up. Right or wrong, it's done. It's now yours. However...Instead of ignoring the situation, you should have willingly participated in the investigations into its validity. You're an investigator -- Charlotte's chief investigator, in fact. Not returning phone calls, claiming you know nothing and saying you won't talk about it, is unacceptable.

*Mecklenburg County Commission* - The business of the Mecklenburg county commission is serious...but if you look at how our commissioners have been acting you wouldn't know that. With all of the name calling and antics lately one might even question their maturity. Next month new commissioners will take office and we believe it would be beneficial if all of commissioners to just focus on the business at hand and not make the commission their own personal podium. If you find their behavior unacceptable, write and/or call them. And politicians remember this...it's not about you, it's about the people.

*System Works* - Whether you voted for John McCain or President-elect Barak Obama, we as Americans can be proud. America just made history. Voter turnout was incredible -- an almost 9% voter increase from the 2004 presidential election. That's 25 million more people voting this year than last election. And most notable, for the first time, both female and African American candidates were in the biggest race in the land. So if your candidate did not win this time, now is your chance to get involved in the next election. Find out who is running, find out who or what party supports your ideas and beliefs and then... run with them.

*Teachers Face Book* - Recently, several teachers from Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools have been called out for comments made on their Facebook accounts. WE AGREE. Educators -- like it or not - you are role models for students. A teacher is someone who not only teaches Math, Science & English in the class

room, but also one who should exemplify good choices. Kids look to you. Think of the example you are portraying. Act responsibly and practice what you teach.

*School Board Raise* - Listen to this equation: A country in a recession... PLUS teaching jobs eliminated because of budget cuts... EQUALS a 77-percent raise for CMS School Board members? Now that's some fuzzy math. School Board members actually came up with that solution. Earlier this month the Board was to vote on increasing their part-time salary to equal the amount County Commissioners earn -- which is nearly 24 thousand dollars a year. The item was pulled and sent back to committee...good idea. If anybody deserves a 77 percent raise, it should be classroom teachers who are still paid below the national average. Now, if you agree that School Board Members should pass on a raise this year, call them and give them this equation: a recession, PLUS a tight budget season, EQUALS No Pay Raise for Board Members.

*Count Your Blessings* - Even with the effects of our current economic condition, we have many privileges to be thankful for in America. Our political process (whether your candidate won or lost, you had the power to vote), the prosperity and peace in our land, the bravery and courage of our military, the innumerable freedoms we enjoy every day. Being thankful should be part of our daily lives, not just something reserved for special occasions. If every day you take a moment to reflect on something you're grateful for, you open yourself up for better things to come. So try it. During this holiday season, try counting one blessing a day. Not just tomorrow. From now until 2009. Then we'll start with resolutions.

## **December**

*UNCC Football* - UNC Charlotte recently approved establishing a football program at the school. To which we say, "Rah! Rah!" We hope that football at UNCC will strengthen its identity -- both nationally, and here in its own community. For too long, we've isolated the University from the city at large...some would say, ignored it...certainly haven't embraced it. But UNC Charlotte is a valuable asset. It helps educate our future leaders, policy makers, and workforce. It draws students who may eventually live here and pay taxes. What's good for the University is good for Charlotte.

*Public Education in Crisis* - There's no doubt about it... our nation is facing severe economic times. And because of it, we're making our public school systems sacrificial lambs to help our country, state, and even our county pay the bills? North Carolina asked CMS and other districts to return millions and millions of dollars so the state won't go broke. In another sign of trouble, CMS department heads were told to slash their budgets by 10 percent to prepare for a grueling budget next year. We can't change the times with a snap of a finger; we just have to deal with it. So, when you sit around your kitchen table tonight, think about what you or your family can do... or what your church or community can do. Let's all try to soften the blow your child, grandchild or neighbor's child may experience when he or she goes to class. So, in these critical times, everyone

needs to chip in to make public education work again. "Why?" you ask. Our future depends on it.

*Make it Your Cause* - Would somebody please step up? We don't need all of you...just one. Just one politician, please. Come out and help fix our criminal justice system. Say you're fed up. Make this your cause. 400 repeat offenders commit 80-percent of the crime in Mecklenburg County. It's not the fault of the officers patrolling our streets... they're doing their jobs. We live with a revolving door that swings from the streets...to jail...back to the streets...and back to jail. So again...someone...any politician...make this your cause. We'll follow your fight. Stand out on the courthouse steps and demand change. Make criminals accountable, especially those 400 repeat offenders. It's time that the law works in favor of law-abiding citizens and not the criminals.

*Facing Tough Times* - Our nation is facing one of the most challenging times in history. Recession is officially declared -- everyone you talk with wonders, "What's next?" Parents, now is a great opportunity for you to talk with your children about what is happening, and how to stretch a household budget. It's the simple things... like sharing more meals together at home or staying "in" to watch a movie or favorite show. Besides saving some money, you'll gain something priceless for the family .... the lesson that "things" are not nearly as important as being with those we love.

*Christmas* - Tomorrow is Christmas Day. The shopping will be done...the stores will be closed. Your home, and perhaps your yard, will be decorated. The children will be nestled all snug in their beds...and Santa will have made his overnight sojourn. Families will come together to share presents, memories of Christmases past, and the love of each other. As we look forward to a new Presidential administration, may we remember that our Country was founded as "one nation under God." And on Christmas Day, let us all come together to pray for the common good. And if this editorial offends some people, so be it. Many of your fellow citizens have died for your right to be offended. But on behalf of all of us at WBTV, I wish you a "Merry Christmas."

## **WBTV SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:**

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - campaign to encourage citizens to donate resources to fund breast cancer research and education – designed to support annual 5K walk/run, which takes place October 4th. Race for the Cure was heavily promoted in August and September 2008.

Autism Speaks Walk Now for Autism – an October 4<sup>th</sup> event dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. The Autism Speaks Walk was heavily promoted in August and September 2008.

WBTV Local News Special: *Economic Survival Guide*

WBTV aired an hour-long economic survival guide special from in Primetime (8-9 p.m.) on 10/22/08. WBTV hosted a panel of guests to talk about the economy and take viewers questions via phone calls and emails.

### **Panel Members:**

Lynn Davidson \FINANCIAL PLANNER

Doug Hartjes \CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

David Clegg \NC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Rodney Adams\Mecklenburg Co. Services for Adults

WBTV Live Broadcast: *Carolinas' Thanksgiving Day Parade*

WBTV broadcast live the Carolinas Thanksgiving Day Parade from 10 a.m. – 12Noon on Thanksgiving Day, 11/27/08. WBTV also rebroadcast the Parade from 4-6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

WBTV Live Broadcast: *First Night Charlotte*

WBTV broadcast live Center City Partners "First Night Charlotte" celebration from 11:35 p.m. – 12:10 a.m. on 12/31/08.

### **PSA Schedules in place 4th Quarter 2008:**

Partnership for a Drug Free Carolinas

Donate Life

DTV Consumer Education

Power to End Stroke

Autism Speaks

Communities in Schools

Vet Care Line

Carolina's Healthcare Foundation

Nutrition Education

Obesity Prevention

Underage Drinking Prevention

Financial Literacy  
Drunk Driving Prevention  
Child Abuse Prevention  
American Red Cross: Give Blood  
Prostate Cancer Foundation of North Carolina  
A Child's Place  
Flu Immunization  
Toys for Tots  
Project Roadblock



## **"VIOLENT PROGRAMMING" SUMMARY OF COMPLAINTS:**

The Telecommunications Act includes the following provision:

204(d) Summary of Complaints: Each applicant for the renewal of a commercial or non-commercial television license shall attach as an exhibit the application a summary of written comments and suggestions received from the public and maintained by the licensee (in accordance with Commission regulations) that comment on the applicant's programming, if any, and that are characterized by the commentor as constituting violent programming.

Please note for the Second Quarter 2008 we have read through the "Letters from the Public" section of our public file, and there were no letters that spoke of "violent programming"

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**FACE THE NATION**

- 10/05/08      1) Interview with Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Representative Roy Blunt, and Representative Heather Wilson. Topics include: reaction to Governor Sarah Palin's recent line of attack against Senator Barack Obama, claiming that he does not see America as a force for good / reaction to the response from the Obama campaign in the form of a political ad / the lack of impact Governor Sarah Palin has had on female and male Clinton supporters in Michigan; what effect, if any, Senator John McCain's decision to suspend his campaign and focus on the economic crisis had on influencing his fellow senators to support the economic bailout; support for Governor Palin and belief in her ability to lead the country should the need arise / criticism of Governor Palin's performance at the vice presidential debate as being an example of style over substance  
2) Campaign quick check with David Brooks. Topics include: Governor Palin's successful debate strategy; the impact of the economic crisis on each of the campaigns / belief that both campaigns, but predominantly the McCain campaign, are out of touch with the potential serious recession; the apparent success of the strategy of the Obama campaign / the new climate in America and the Republican Party's inability to adept and run successful campaigns  
Guests: Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI) (1); Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) (1); Representative Roy Blunt (R-MO), House Minority Whip (1); Representative Heather Wilson (R-NM) (1); David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times (2)
- 10/12/08      1) Interview with Senator Lindsey Graham, Governor Bill Ritter, Mayor Doug Wilder, and Representative Adam Putnam. Topics include: Senator Barack Obama's double-digit lead in the national polls / the third and final debate scheduled for 10/15/08; reaction to comments made by Georgia Representative John Lewis, claiming that the negative tone of the Republican presidential campaign reminds him of the hateful atmosphere that segregationist Governor George Wallace fostered in Alabama in the 1960's / recent Senator John McCain political rally where he stood up for Senator Obama against one of his own supporters / opinions regarding the general tone of the McCain campaign; the effect of the economy on both campaigns; Senator McCain's poll standings in Florida and Colorado / Senator McCain's new economic proposals; whether or not Americans are misrepresenting their opinions in polls because of race / Governor Sarah Palin's impact in Florida and Colorado  
2) Interview with Dr. C. Fred Bergsten. Topics include: belief that the United States is in a recession / results of the recently held International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington, DC / the need for a global, comprehensive response / the main difference between the current economic crisis and the depression of the 1930's  
Guests: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Governor Bill Ritter (D-CO) (1); Mayor Doug Wilder, Democrat, Richmond, VA (1); Representative Adam Putnam (R-FL) (1); Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, Director, Peterson Institute for International Economics (2)

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PAGE THE NATION (continued)

10/19/08

1) Interview with Governor Tim Kaine, Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Governor Matt Blunt, and former Representative Rob Portman. Topics include: reaction to General Colin Powell's endorsement of Senator Barack Obama for president / recent poll results indicating a close race in Ohio for the presidency between Senator Obama and Senator John McCain / announcement that the Obama campaign raised \$150 million in September / current conditions in Florida with regards to poll results and the new voting system / how Governor Sarah Palin has been received as a vice presidential candidate in Missouri, Florida, and Ohio / tax plans of Senator McCain and Senator Obama and how each will impact the middle class and small business owners

2) Campaign quick check with Dan Balz. Topics include: assessment of General Powell's endorsement of Senator Obama / reaction to General Powell's criticism of Senator McCain / the current state of the McCain campaign and what he needs to do to win

Guests: Governor Tim Kaine (D-VA) (1); Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) (1); Governor Matt Blunt (R-MO) (1); Former Representative Rob Portman (R-OH) (1); Dan Balz, The Washington Post. (2)

10/26/08

1) Interview with Robert Rubin. Topics include: the current financial crisis / opinion regarding the impact of the bailout bill on the economic predicament / the need for a stimulus package to stem the current situation within a reasonable amount of time / Senator Barack Obama's proposals for fixing the economy / speculation as to how long this crisis will last / the current unemployment rate and Senator Obama's commitment to curb its proliferation / the current and critical state of the auto industry and its importance to the economy

2) Interview with Doug Holtz-Fakin. Topics include: Senator John McCain's commitment to build facilities for next-generation automobiles / Senator McCain's belief in putting the money back into the housing market / Senator McCain's view on stimulus packages / belief that the unemployment rate will continue to rise / the need to generate jobs / criticism of Senator Obama's desire to enforce the Clean Air Act / opinion regarding the progress of the steps the U.S. government has taken so far to help the economy and speculation as to how long this crisis will last

3) Campaign quick check with Governor Ed Rendell and Governor Tim Pawlenty. Topics include: reaction to poll results for Pennsylvania, indicating that Senator Obama has a ten point lead / the impact of Governor Sarah Palin's aggressive campaigning in Pennsylvania; reaction to former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge's statement questioning Governor Palin's place on the Republican ticket; support and criticism for Senator McCain's recent interview in The Washington Times, criticizing President George Bush; Senator Obama's tax plan; assurance that Senator McCain may be down, but he is not out of this race

Guests: Robert Rubin, former Treasury Secretary, Senior Economic Advisor - Obama Campaign (1); Doug Holtz-Fakin, former Director, Congressional Budget office, and Senior Policy Advisor, McCain Campaign (2); Governor Ed Rendell (D-PA) (3); Governor Tim Pawlenty (R-MN) (3)

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60 MINUTES

- 10/05/08      **"Wall Street's Shadow Market"** - a report on credit default swaps and their impact on the current economic crisis. Private, largely undisclosed, and deregulated, these are the contracts that mortgage investors, who bought up the riskiest mortgages when they were repackaged by Wall Street as exotic investment securities, entered into to protect themselves in case their investments went bad. When homeowners began defaulting and the Wall Street high-risk mortgage-backed securities also began to fail, the big investment houses and insurance companies who sold the credit default swaps hadn't set aside the money they needed to pay off all the insurance contracts they'd written. Includes interviews with Jim Grant, editor of Grant's Interest Rate Observer; Frank Partnoy, former derivatives broker; Michael Greenberger, law professor at the University of Maryland; and Robert Pickett, CEO, International Swaps and Derivatives Association. (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine)
- "Kill Bin Laden"** - an interview/profile of the officer in command of a team from the U.S. Army's secret Delta Force, sent to Tora Bora, Afghanistan by the Pentagon shortly after 9/11 to kill Osama bin Laden. Calling himself Dalton Fury, he is the author of "Kill Bin Laden" and has only recently decided to break his silence in order to correct the inaccuracies regarding his mission. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Shawn Efran)
- "The Race For The Electric Car"** - a report on the race to develop and produce a practical fuel-free electric car. With an eye to the potential of lithium ion batteries -- the same used in laptop computers -- as a viable power source, environmentally conscious entrepreneurs in Silicon Valley, California are betting their inventiveness can beat out auto executives from Detroit, Michigan. Includes comments by Elon Musk, Chairman of Tesla Motors; Bob Lutz, Vice Chairman of General Motors; and Ray Lane, Senior Partner at Kleiner Perkins and an investor in Fisker Motors. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shachar Bar-On)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Show Me My Money"** - Andy takes stock and has his own financial advice
- 10/12/08      **"The FBI's Wise Guy"** - an interview with Joaquín "Jack" Garcia, the Cuban-American FBI agent who infiltrated the Gambino crime family as Jack Falcone, an Italian gangster character he created in 2002 to take down one of the most powerful mobsters in America. Extremely successful, he gained the trust of Gambino capo Greg DePalma, who offered to make Falcone a "made member" of the Mafia -- a proposal which would have made him the first law enforcement agent in history to ever achieve that position. Recently retired after 26 years, he is the author of "Making Jack Falcone". (C: Armen Keteyian - P: Pat Milton, Michael Radutzky)
- "The Battle Of Sadr City"** - a report on the advanced weaponry used during the spring 2008 battle in Sadr City, Iraq -- home to two million Shia. Part of Baghdad, the area had been under the control of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his Shiite militia, who had used the location to launch rockets into the green zone. Utilizing two types of UAV's (unmanned aerial vehicles) -- the "Shadow" drone and the "Predator" -- U.S. forces were able secure the area and negotiate a cease-fire. Includes comments by General Ray Odierno and Colonel John Hort. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Richard Bonin)
- "All In The Family"** - a profile of the Antinori family of Italy, who have been making wine for six centuries and whose domain stretches from the legendary vineyards of Tuscany and Umbria, to their property in California's Napa Valley. In the absence of a male heir, the Antinori daughters are now running the business with their father. (C: Morley Safer - P: David Browning)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Gets Down To Business"** - Everything is getting more expensive, except stock prices

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**60 MINUTES (continued)**

- 10/19/08      **"Combat in Afghanistan"** - a report on soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, who are stationed at a small forward operating base in eastern Afghanistan, not far from the Pakistani border, called "Wilderness". American casualties are highest in this region, where they're fighting an Afghan warlord, Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son, who are closely allied to al-Qaeda. Includes comments from Major General Jeffrey Schlosser, the Deputy U.S. Commander in Afghanistan. (C: Lara Logan - P: Peter Klein, Jeff Newton)  
**"Bank of America"** - a profile of the largest U.S. financial institution, Bank of America, headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. Now partly owned by the United States of America due to the recent crisis in the American financial system, it recently acquired one of Wall Street's emblematic companies - Merrill Lynch. Includes interviews with current Bank of America CEO Ken Lewis; and former CEO Hugh McColl. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shachar Bar-On)  
**"Blood Brothers"** - a profile of Francisco Rivera Ordonez and his younger brother, Cayetano -- the only brothers in Spanish history to be top matadors at the same time. Descended from a long line of bullfighters, Francisco has been fighting for thirteen years, while Cayetano, for only three. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael H. Givashon, Paul Bellinger) (see also "The Family Business" (OAD: 1/11/98), 60 MINUTES' initial profile of Francisco Rivera Ordonez)  
**Andy Rooney Topic: "Rooney On The Presidents He's Met"** - Andy looks back at some memorable and not so memorable presidential encounters
- 10/26/08      **"Financial Weapons Of Mass Destruction"** - a report on credit derivatives or credit default swaps. Essentially side bets on the performance of the U.S. mortgage markets and the solvency of some of the biggest financial institutions in the world, they are a form of legalized gambling that allows you to wager on financial outcomes without ever having to actually buy the stocks, the bonds and the mortgages. Although illegal for most of the twentieth century, Congress gave Wall Street an exemption eight years ago. Includes interviews with Jim Grant, editor of Grant's Interest Rate Observer; Frank Partnoy, former derivatives broker; Eric Dinallo, Insurance Superintendent for the State of New York; and Columbia University Law professor Harvey Goldschmid. (a followup to "Wall Street's Shadow Market", OAD: 10/05/08) (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine, Jennifer MacDonald)  
**"T. Boone Pickens"** - an interview/profile of billionaire oil and gas maven T. Boone Pickens, who is on a mission to lessen America's dependence on foreign oil. Warning of an energy crisis as dire as the current financial one, his solution -- the Pickens Plan -- promises to save America from foreign oil by using wind power, solar energy, and domestic natural gas. (C: Charlie Rose - P: Tanya Simon, Andrew Metz)  
**"Gorongosa"** - a profile of American entrepreneur Greg Carr, who is using his great wealth to try to help some of the poorest people in Africa by attracting more tourists to their neighborhood -- the beautiful national park of Gorongosa in Mozambique. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Henry Schuster, Rebecca Peterson)  
**Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Loves His Job"** - Andy ponders work

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48 HOURS MYSTERY

- 10/04/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Last Take" (8:00-9:00p)** - an investigation into the unsolved 1977 murder of actress Christa Helm, who was found stabbed and bludgeoned outside her agent's home in West Hollywood, California. Police at first thought her murder might be connected to the sensational killing of actor Sal Mineo, murdered exactly one year before in the same neighborhood. Detectives also found out about her infamous "love diary" -- but it had vanished. The diary was not the only way she had kept track of her lovers; there were tape recordings of her sexcapades with her celebrity boyfriends, but those tapes also disappeared. The hunt for the tapes lead to actor Tony Sirico (now best known as 'Paulie Walnuts' on "The Sopranos"), who had been sent by Helm's friends to remove them from her residence. In 2006, when investigators finally spoke to Sirico, he was less than cooperative, but the missing items turned up in the possession of Lennie Barin, Helm's closest friend. Now 31 years into the case, detectives have discovered a long string of boyfriends and girlfriends of Christa's, and suspect that jealousy may have been the motive in her murder. However, recent information has led back to the Sal Mineo connection, and his murderer, Lionel Williams, who served 12 years for the crime. After sifting through all the drama of Christa's life, could the detectives discover that she was simply the victim of a random street robbery at the hand of a career criminal? Her daughter hopes that the murder will be solved, whatever the reason. (C: Maureen Maher - P: Chuck Stevenson, Paul F. Ryan) (OAD: 04/26/08; includes an update.)
- 10/11/08      **PREEMPTION**
- 10/18/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Into Thin Air"** - a report on the disappearance of Jeanette Louise Zapata, who mysteriously vanished without a trace from her home in Madison, Wisconsin on October 11, 1976 -- leaving behind her daughter Linda, and two other children. In the midst of a divorce at the time of her disappearance, she had been married for seventeen years to an engineer, Eugene Zapata. Their marriage had been troubled -- Jeanette discovered that Eugene had sent nude photographs of her to a swingers magazine and oftentimes his behavior towards her around their children was sexual and provocative. Due to his stalking-like behavior, she also had a restraining order against Zapata. Though Officer Greg Martin found Zapata's behavior strange, the results of his lie detector test were inconclusive. With no physical evidence, the case stalled. Eugene Zapata moved back into the house he had once occupied with Jeanette and acted as though nothing had happened. He explained to the children that Jeanette had simply taken off because she was stressed. In November 2004, Jeanette's best friend, Peggy Weekly -- who never believed that Jeanette would abandon her three children -- contacted police in Madison to reopen the case. Assigned to the case was Detective Marianne Flynn Statz, who after a preliminary investigation, was convinced that Jeanette had been killed and that the right suspect was Eugene. She contacted Linda Zapata, who expressed her own doubts regarding her father's innocence and agreed to help police with their case. After a thorough investigation, Eugene Zapata was arrested for the murder of Jeanette. His trial began in September 2007, but ended in a hung jury. Prosecutor Bob Kaiser was ready to go back to court and try Zapata again, when Zapata surprised everyone and agreed to answer questions regarding Jeanette's disappearance, but only if prosecutors would reduce the charge from murder to reckless homicide. His daughter Linda agreed. According to Eugene, he had argued with Jeanette the morning of October 11, 1976 and when her back was turned, hit her on the head with a paperweight and then strangled her twice. Then he began a grisly thirty year odyssey with her body: burying it, exhuming it, reburying it, and eventually he cut her body into pieces and took it to a land fill. Eugene Zapata was sentenced to five years for reckless homicide. Linda Zapata has been cut off from her immediate family: despite Eugene's plea, her brother and sister believe that their father is innocent. (C: Richard Schlesinger - P: Brian Leonard, Daria Hirsch)

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

10/25/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Did the Doctor Kill the Doctor?"** - a report on the October 1993 murder of Dr. Linda (Lin) Goudey in Stoneham, Massachusetts. At the time she was dating Dr. Timothy Stryker, who depending on whom you believe, is either a calculating murderer or an innocent man. Goudey and Stryker had been dating but friends believed they were ready to break up, even though they had planned to vacation together. Less than two weeks before the trip, witnesses say they heard the couple arguing; and it was the last night Goudey was seen alive. Four days after she was last seen at the hospital, Goudey was found facedown, wrapped in a blanket in the back of her car, in a remote corner of the hospital parking lot. The medical examiner determined it was murder and Stryker became the number one suspect. Nothing police found at the scene pointed directly to Stryker, but it was what they didn't find at the scene that did: her tote bag, the jacket she was wearing and her briefcase were in Stryker's possession. Soon after, Stryker got himself an attorney and the investigation stalled. Goudey's family eventually filed a wrongful death suit. Finally, in 2006, after many delays, the suit finally went to a civil court trial where a jury believed Dr. Stryker killed Dr. Lin Goudey and ordered him to pay Lin's family \$15 million. Nobody was surprised that Stryker said he would appeal, but everyone was surprised when he and his lawyer announced they had found a brand new witness. After being questioned by the police, the witness, Craig Pizzano, admitted that Stryker had put him up to it. Stryker was arrested for perjury. This trial hasn't begun yet, but Goudey's family hopes that eventually Stryker will be charged with murder. (C: Richard Schlesinger - P: Deborah Grau)

**CAMPAIGN '08: VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**

10/02/08      **CAMPAIGN '08: Vice Presidential Debate (9:00 - 11:00p)** - live coverage (from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri) of the single Vice Presidential debate between Republican nominee Governor Sarah Palin (AK) and Democratic nominee Senator Joseph Biden (DE). The debate moderator: Gwen Ifill (PBS). Preceded by brief exchanges between CBS News Correspondents Katie Couric (anchor) and Bob Schieffer; and between Couric and Jeff Greenfield. The debate itself concluded at 10:33pm. Included in CBS News coverage after the debate were: (1) summary and commentary by Correspondents Couric, Schieffer and Greenfield; (2) interview with Senator Joe Lieberman (ID-CT); (3) interview with Senator Claire McCaskill (D-MO); (4) Correspondent Byron Pitts (at CBS Television City at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas) - with an audience of about 100 uncommitted voters who watched the debate on television; (5) interview with Richard Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations; (6) commentary by CBS News Political Analysts Dan Bartlett and Dee Dee Myers; (7) Correspondent Sharyl Attkisson with results of a CBS News / Knowledge Networks poll of about 500 uncommitted voters around the country who watched tonight's debate and responded to questions online.

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**CAMPAIGN '08: PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES**

- 10/07/08      **CAMPAIGN '08: Presidential Debate (9:00 - 11:00p)** - live coverage (from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee) of the second of three Presidential debates between Republican nominee Senator John McCain (AZ) and Democratic nominee Senator Barack Obama (IL). The debate moderator: Tom Brokaw (NBC News). Tonight's debate utilized the format of a town meeting, with the candidates responding to questions asked by audience members at Belmont University and submitted over the Internet. Preceded by brief exchanges between CBS News Correspondents Katie Couric (anchor, NY studio) and Chip Reid (Nashville); and between Couric and Dean Reynolds (Nashville). The debate itself concluded at 10:34pm. Included in CBS News coverage after the debate were: (1) summary and commentary by Correspondents Katie Couric, Bob Schieffer (Nashville), and Jeff Greenfield (NY studio); (2) comments from a panel of ten uncommitted voters in the NY studio with Couric; (3) comments by CBS News political analysts Dee Dee Myers and Dan Bartlett; (4) Correspondent Sharyl Attkisson with results of a CBS News / Knowledge Networks poll of about 500 uncommitted voters around the country who watched tonight's debate and responded to questions online.
- 10/15/08      **CAMPAIGN '08: Presidential Debate (9:00 - 11:00p)** - live coverage (from Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York) of the third of three Presidential debates between Republican nominee Senator John McCain (AZ) and Democratic nominee Senator Barack Obama (IL). The debate moderator: Bob Schieffer (CBS News). The debate itself concluded at 10:31pm. Included in CBS News coverage after the debate were: (1) summary and commentary by CBS News Correspondents Katie Couric (anchor, NY studio) and Jeff Greenfield, Senior Political Correspondent; (2) reaction to the debate from a panel of ten uncommitted voters who viewed the debate in the studio with Couric; (3) commentary by CBS News political analysts Dan Bartlett and Dee Dee Myers; (4) reports on the reactions of each candidate's supporters to his performance tonight by Correspondents Dean Reynolds (Obama campaign) and Chip Reid (McCain campaign); (5) Correspondent Sharyl Attkisson with results of a CBS News / Knowledge Networks poll of about 500 uncommitted voters around the country who watched tonight's debate and then responded to questions online; (6) the first part of an interview with Joseph Wurzelbacher, a Holland, Ohio plumber whom John McCain often referred to tonight (as "Joe the plumber"). The interview concluded on the CBSNews.com webcast, immediately following the broadcast.

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**FACE THE NATION**

- 11/02/08      1) Topics include: Campaign '08 poll results and early voting -- both indicating an advantage for Senator Barack Obama / decision to actively campaign in so-called red states / the key role Pennsylvania will play in this election / belief that Pennsylvania will be won by Senator Obama / speculation regarding the "Bradley effect"
- 2) Topics include: assertion that Senator John McCain is closing the gap in key states: Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida / reaction to polls suggesting that Governor Sarah Palin is a "drag on the ticket"
- 3) Campaign Quick Check: poll results indicating a favorable outcome in the Senate for Democrats / belief held by many Republicans that the Democratic candidates, if elected, will take the United States to the far left / how President George Bush's unpopularity has affected the Republican candidates for the Senate; clarification regarding Senator Ensign's supposed negative remarks about Governor Palin / opinion regarding the role of Alaskan Senator Ted Stevens and his recent conviction / how the Democrats will handle Senator Joe Lieberman, the Independent-Democrat who has been campaigning for Senator McCain, the Republican nominee for president
- Guests: David Axelrod, Chief Strategist, Obama Campaign (1); Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (2); Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (3); Senator John Ensign (R-NV), Chairman, National Republican Senatorial Committee (3)
- 11/09/08      1) Topics include: anticipation of an announcement of President-elect Barack Obama's economic team / speculation regarding President-elect Obama's upcoming plans: to return to Washington as a Senator and participate in the lame-duck session of Congress, or to remain in Chicago and set up his Cabinet and focus on his transition / the proposed bailout plan for the auto industry / permanent tax cuts for the middle class and how the current economic crisis could impact tax increases on the upper class / the current economic crisis and its effect on President-elect Obama's campaign promises
- 2) Topics include: analysis of the preceding discussion with Representative Emanuel / speculation regarding President-elect Obama's approach to his first few months as president: the big bang theory, or a slow, but steady and modest approach / former President Bill Clinton's mistake of trying to do too much in the first year; the future of the Republican Party / Republican Governor Sarah Palin's role, if any, in the future of the party
- Guests: Representative Rahm Emanuel (D-IL), President-Elect Obama's Chief of Staff (1); John Harris, Editor, Politico.com (2); David Brooks, Columnist, The New York Times (2)
- 11/16/08      1) Topics include: the proposed auto industry bailout for the big three automakers: Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors (GM) / the pros and cons of the three plans / reasons behind the opposition to a government bailout / argument for and against allowing the auto industry to enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy / support for certain preconditions to be placed on the three auto makers who receive government bailout / how this crisis will impact the rest of the economy and its current condition
- 2) Topics include: the current state of the Republican Party and what needs to be done to get things back on track / reasons behind Senator John McCain's loss of the presidential election / the challenges facing the Republican Party / the recent Republican Governors Association conference / the positive role Governor Sarah Palin played at the conference / Governor Palin's potential future as a significant player in the Republican Party / the importance of the Republican Governors Association in rebuilding the Republican Party / the lack of emphasis on social issues within the Republican Party; reaction to the proposed auto industry bailout
- Guests: Representative Barney Frank (D-MA), Chairman, House Financial Services Committee (1); Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), Ranking Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs (1); Governor Bobby Jindal (R-LA) (2); Newt Gingrich (R), Former Speaker of the House (2)

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**FACE THE NATION (continued)**

11/23/08

1) Topics include: the recent announcement by President-elect Barack Obama, asking Congress to pass an enormous stimulus package designed to create more than 2.5 million jobs, middle and lower income tax cuts, and a range of public works projects / the current Bush tax cuts and the decision to either let them expire in 2010 or end them as soon as possible / President-elect Obama's economic team / reaction to the suggestion that President-elect Obama join forces with incumbent President George Bush to develop a strategy to deal with the economic crisis / the predicament facing the auto industry / assertion that the big three automakers should not be allowed to go into bankruptcy

2) Topics include: the current crisis facing the American auto industry / disappointment in the heads of the big three automakers - Chrysler, General Motors, and Ford - on their lack of accountability / disagreement with the view held by many that Congress should allow these companies to go into bankruptcy; the \$700 billion financial bailout plan that passed the Congress / response to the concern that the \$250 billion already used by the Treasury has not done anything to improve the economy / reaction to the proposed stimulus package by President-elect Obama  
Guests: Austan Goolsbee, Senior Financial Advisor for President-elect Barack Obama (1); Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House (2)

11/30/08

Topics for panel discussion: the terrorist attack in Mumbai, India, which began on November 26, 2008 and lasted for three days; President-elect Barack Obama / reaction to the expected nomination of Senator Hillary (D-NY) as Secretary of State and retired Marine General James Jones as White House National Security Advisor / how current Vice President Dick Cheney amassed unprecedented power in his role as vice president / what to expect from Vice President-elect Joe Biden / the civil rights movement and the role it played in this election / the impact of America having its first African-American president -- on white and black America, as well as on the rest of the world / the problems and expectations facing President-elect Obama / the current economic crisis / the situation in Iraq and what needs to be accomplished / the hopes for an Obama presidency

Guests: Fareed Zakaria, Author, "The Post-American World"; Bob Woodward, Author, "The War Within: A Secret White House History"; Jane Mayer, Author, "The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideas"; Michael Eric Dyson, Author, "April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Death and How it Changed America"

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- 11/02/08      **"Coming Home"** - Citizen soldiers returning from active military duty are entitled by a law called USERRA to get their old civilian jobs back or be taken back by their employers at the same salaries. With the Pentagon relying so heavily on the National Guard and Reserve to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, many veterans are coming home to find themselves demoted or penalized or out of a job completely, despite the law. Now, many employers say the law is putting an excessive financial burden on their businesses. Includes comments from Assistant Secretary of Defense Thomas Hall. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen M. Sughrue)
- "Sergeant Bill"** - an interview/profile of Bill Jakob who, with a badge purchased on the Internet, managed to fool the people of Gerald, Missouri into believing that he was an undercover federal agent and member of the "Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force" and had been sent to clean up the town in a county with one of the highest number of methamphetamine labs in the country. (C: Katie Couric - P: Kyra Damron)
- "Brain Power"** - a report on brain-computer interface or BCI, a new technology that connects the human brain to a computer, which allows people who are completely paralyzed due to illness or trauma to operate computers, write e-mails, and drive wheelchairs. Scientists hope that in the future, BCI may restore movement to paralyzed people and allow amputees to move bionic limbs. Includes comments from neuroscientist Dr. Jonathan Wolpaw of New York State's Wadsworth Center; Dr. Andy Schwartz, a neuroscientist at the University of Pittsburgh; and Brown University neuroscientist Dr. John Donoghue. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Denise Schrier Cetta)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Loves Concession Speeches"** - Andy takes a look at some memorable concession speeches
- 11/09/08      **"The Inner Circle"** - an interview with the four key members of President-elect Barack Obama's campaign team, recorded on election night, shortly after their candidate gave his victory speech in Chicago's Grant Park. Those interviewed are: David Axelrod, Obama's Chief Strategist; Campaign Manager David Plouffe; Senior Aide Robert Gibbs; and Anita Dunn, who handled communications, research, and policy. (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky, Andy Court)
- "The Wasteland"** - a report on the black market dismantling of electronic waste, or "e-waste", focusing on Hong Kong and the toxic dumps of Guiyu, China -- a city so polluted, it has the highest levels of cancer-causing dioxins in the world. Though it is illegal to import toxic e-waste, it is a lucrative business, where junked computers, televisions, and other old electronic products are mined for valuable components, including gold. Includes comments from Allen Hershkowitz of the Natural Resources Defense Council; and Jim Puckett, founder of the Basel Action Network. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Solly Granatstein)
- "Ted Turner"** - an interview/profile of media mogul and philanthropist Ted Turner, as he reflects on a tumultuous life in his new memoir, "Call Me Ted". Also includes comments from his ex-wife, Jane Fonda, and his five children. (C: Morley Safer - P: Deirdre Naphin Curran)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Rooney On The Election"** - Andy reflects on an historic Election Day
- 11/16/08      **"The 44th President"** - in his first post-election interview, President-elect Barack Obama discusses the economy, the ailing automobile industry, and the government's \$700 billion bailout program. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Michael Radutzky, L. Franklin Devine)
- "The Next First Family"** - an interview with President-elect Barack Obama and future First Lady Michelle Obama, as they look to transition into life at the White House. (C: Steve Kroft - P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy's Homage To Newsprint"** - Andy reflects on the steady decline of newspaper circulation



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- 11/23/08      **"Assault on Pelindaba"** - a report on the still unsolved November 7, 2007 attack on Pelindaba, a heavily guarded nuclear plant located in South Africa. In the 1990's South Africa chose to disarm, but the highly enriched uranium (HEU), the fuel for bombs, still remains on site. Even though it was the boldest attempt ever made on a site holding bomb-grade uranium, South African officials continue to insist that it was a random act. Among those interviewed include: Pelindaba employees Ria Meiring and Anton Gerber; Matthew Bunn of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government; Ambassador Abdul Minty; Ari Van Der Bijl, general manager at Pelindaba; and Rob Adam, CEO of the Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Graham Messick, Michael Karzis)
- "For Better or For Worse"** - a report on the current plan of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service to deport several hundred widows and a few widowers -- foreigners who'd been married to American citizens when the American died. A foreigner who marries a United States citizen is entitled to become a U.S. resident, but Immigration claims that a widow is not a wife and that if the widow did not complete the process while the husband was alive, she cannot remain in the country -- even if their children were born in the United States. (C: Rob Simon - P: Robert G. Anderson)
- "Rex"** - follow-up to "Rex" (OAD: 10/23/05), a report on Rex Lewis-Clack, a musical savant born blind and mentally impaired and who continues to make remarkable strides despite doctors' predictions. The follow-up consists of recent interviews with Rex, now thirteen-years-old; his mother, Cathleen Lewis; and David Pinto, who helps Rex turn his improvisations into original pieces of music. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shari Finkelstein) (see also "Musically Speaking", OAD: 09/28/03)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Christmas Before Thanksgiving"** - Andy chides retailers for trying to skip over Thanksgiving
- 11/30/08      **"The Cheaters"** - a joint investigation by 60 MINUTES and The Washington Post on cheating in the popular and lucrative -- though illegal in the United States -- world of Internet poker. When online poker players suspected cheating on two popular Internet sites -- Absolute Poker and Ultimate Bet -- the managers of the mostly unregulated \$18 billion Internet gambling industry failed to respond to their complaints, forcing the online poker community to undertake its own investigation. (C: Steve Kroft - P: Ira Rosen)
- "The Silver Star"** - a profile of Private Monica Brown -- an army medic who was temporarily attached to a paratrooper unit in Paktika Province, Afghanistan and who risked her own life to save two 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers after they were critically wounded when their unit was ambushed as it headed back to base. Awarded a Silver Star for exceptional valor, she is only the second woman to receive the nation's third-highest combat medal since World War II. (C: Lara Logan - P: Tom Anderson, Jeff Newton)
- "Michael Phelps"** - an interview/profile of swimmer Michael Phelps, who won an historic eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Includes comments from his coach, Bob Bowman; his agent, Peter Carlisle; and his mother, Debbie. (C: Anderson Cooper - P: Draggan Mihailovich)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Knows How To Save"** - Andy shares his favorite ways to save money

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48 HOURS MYSTERY

11/01/08

**48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Blood and Money On Horseshoe Bay"** - a report on the November 2005 murder of Charlie White, a larger-than-life Texas millionaire who lived a lavish lifestyle in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. When police were called to White's lakeside mansion, they found his body, which had been brutally beaten, with an extension cord wrapped around his neck several times. By first impression, White was a very likeable person, but as police investigated his murder, a darker image of White emerged -- one of a cruel man with a dangerous mean streak sharpened by arrogance, alcohol, and women. With an unbridled passion for the fairer sex, White bedded and rated the sexual prowess of over a thousand women, including strippers, prostitutes, and even the girlfriends of his own son Darin, who Charlie used to pick up women to fulfill his needs. As the murder investigation unfolded, police focused on the troubled relationship between father and son and soon settled on Darin as the main suspect. When Darin voluntarily came in for questioning, he admitted to being with Charlie the night he died. Darin claimed that after a trip to Wal-Mart, they returned home, where he and his father got into an argument that turned dangerously violent -- Darin believed that his father was going to kill him. After Darin beat and choked his father, he went upstairs to bed and the next morning, drove to his mother's house in New Mexico. But the Texas Rangers didn't buy Darin's story and found no evidence to show that 73-year-old Charlie put up a fight at all. Arrested for his father's murder, prosecutors maintained that it was a case of premeditated murder. But Darin's attorney, Eddie Shell, maintained that it was a misdemeanor murder and a crime of sudden passion, which carries a much lighter sentence. Shell believed that Darin exploded and killed his father in a fit of rage -- one that was brought on by years of torment and physical abuse. In the end, the jury sentenced Darin White to twenty years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division for the murder of his father, Charlie White. Darin will be eligible for parole in ten years. (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Jay Young, Jenna Jackson)

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48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)

11/08/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Vegas Heat"** - a report on the December 14, 2005 discovery of the charred corpse of a young woman, found in a burned-out car on a Las Vegas, Nevada desert road. The car was registered to Kelly Ryan, a fitness champion who is married to Craig Titus, a Mr. Olympia competitor. Both were stars of the body building world and also hard partiers, known for using illegal drugs and pain killers. The unrecognizable body was initially thought to be Ryan, but authorities were stunned when they arrived at the couple's house only to be greeted by her at the door. When asked about the car, Craig and Kelly claimed that it had been taken the day before by Melissa James, their 31-year-old live-in assistant and a dancer, who was headed to New Jersey to spend Christmas with her mother. Melissa never made it to New Jersey and when pressed, Craig and Kelly accused her of theft -- that she stole the Jaguar and used Kelly's debit card to steal from them. Detectives were lucky and discovered that Kelly's debit card was last used at Wal-Mart by Kelly, who purchased seven bottles of lighter fluid. Panicked by the police visit, Craig and Kelly confided in Megan Foley, Kelly's friend, that a fight between Kelly and Melissa had spiraled out of control -- Kelly tased Melissa, injected her with narcotics and that it ended when Craig choked her. Megan's attorney contacted the police. Armed with that information, police issued a warrant for their arrest. Eventually, the FBI tracked the couple to Boston, where they were charged with murder and arson. Twenty-one days after the body was found, it was officially identified as Melissa James. But because the body was so badly burned, the coroner could not say for sure how Melissa died or if it was even murder. Craig had a different story and in an interview, told 48 HOURS that Melissa had attacked Kelly and that he interceded on his wife's behalf. Enraged, Melissa ran upstairs to her room and when Craig checked on her, she was dead. Craig also claimed that he, Melissa, and Kelly had been using drugs for days leading up to the fight and that her death was an overdose. High on drugs, they panicked and disposed of her body in the desert. As the trial was about to begin, Craig and Kelly each accepted a plea deal -- Craig for second-degree murder, kidnapping, and arson; Kelly for battery and arson. After further courtroom dramatics, Craig Titus was sentenced to 21 to 55 years and Kelly Ryan to six to 17 years in prison. Craig has filed a motion to reduce his sentence. Kelly says her marriage to Craig is over. (C: Peter Van Sant - P: Chuck Stevenson, Chris O'Connell)

11/15/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Truth On Trial"** - an update of "Sex, Lies And The Doctor's Wife" (OAD: 11/12/05; rebroadcast on 06/06/06). Karen Tipton, a mother of two and the wife of prominent psychiatrist Dr. David Tipton, was found stabbed to death in her Decatur, Alabama home in March 1999. Police quickly ruled out the husband as a suspect, and a month later arrested 24-year-old Daniel Wade Moore, who worked for the alarm company that had installed a security system in the Tipton home. Moore, a drug user, had initially confessed to his uncle to being present at the scene of the murder, but later retracted his statement. Despite the lack of physical evidence, Moore was tried, convicted and sentenced to death row. Eight months following the conviction, Moore's defense attorneys discovered that prosecutors had withheld potentially conclusive information in the case including an FBI report suggesting that Karen was having multiple affairs, and may have known her killer. In a stunning reversal in February 2005, the same judge who sentenced Moore to death released him from prison. The state appealed the decision and Daniel Moore is now awaiting a new trial that could set him free. Update: In February 2008, Daniel Wade Moore returned to court, this time with the FBI report and new witnesses. After six days of deliberation and nine years to the day that Karen Tipton was murdered, Moore's second trial ended with a hung jury. The judge had no choice but to declare a mistrial and Moore was sent back to the Morgan County jail. One month after the mistrial, Moore was told that he would be allowed to wait for his next trial at home. Currently free on \$150,000 bond, Moore's third trial is set to begin on April 13th, 2009, in Decatur -- even though several jurors say Daniel Wade Moore will never be convicted in his hometown. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Susan Mallie, James Stolz)

48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)

11/22/08

**48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Mortgage And The Murder"** - For nearly a year, twenty-year-old Renee Ohlman was suspected in the murder of her parents, Bernadette and Greg, who were shot in their Albuquerque, New Mexico home on the early morning of August 2, 2005. Renee says that, upon hearing the gunshots, she hid in a closet and called the police. Certain that the killer knew the couple, investigators began questioning her every move. Her family also had their doubts about her innocence -- she was set to inherit nearly \$1 million from a life insurance policy purchased by her mother. However, no physical evidence linked Renee to the crime. Then, nearly a year later, it was discovered that Ron Santiago, the murdered couple's mortgage broker, had once owned a 9-millimeter Ruger handgun, the same type of gun that had killed the Ohlman's. Police searched his home and found a 9-millimeter shell casing in a bag in his garage. Santiago was arrested, charged and jailed for the murder, but was later released on bail because of a judge's ruling that the search of Santiago's house was illegal. This decision is being appealed by the District Attorney, Meanwhile, Ohlman's family members still believe that Renee carried out a plan to murder her parents, and that the true killer is still at large. They have filed a civil suit against both Renee and Ron Santiago in their search for answers. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Paul LaRosa)

11/29/08

**48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Drawn To Murder"** (9:00-11:00p) - a report on the February 1987 murder of 37-year-old Peggy Heurick in Fort Collins, Colorado. Her mutilated, half-naked body was discovered in a field near the home of Tim Masters, a 15-year-old who lived near the crime scene. He said he had seen the body on his way to school but, thinking it was a mannequin, he did not report it to the police. He then became a suspect when police searched his home and found his collection of knives and his drawings of graphic images of murder and mutilation. Under interrogation, he adamantly denied any knowledge of the murder -- and since police had no actual evidence linking him to the crime, he was not arrested. Ten years later, prompted by the opinions of Dr. Reid Meley, an expert on sexual homicide, the police did arrest Masters for the murder. He was put on trial, convicted and went to prison in 1999, sentenced to life without parole. After losing two appeals, he appealed again, claiming ineffective counsel. His defense team then uncovered important items of evidence never given to Masters' original lawyers, although they had been entitled to them. This included, among other things, questions surrounding Dr. Richard Hammond, a prominent eye surgeon who also lived near the crime scene and who had been arrested for voyeurism. And now, for the first time, DNA tests were done on Peggy Heurick's clothing. These tests found no DNA of Tim Masters, but did find that of Heurick's ex-boyfriend, Matt Zollner, and that of two other males. Tim Masters' conviction and sentence were vacated, and he was released from prison after more than nine years. (C: Susan Spencer - P: Joshua Yager, Marc B. Goldbaum, Taji Smith)

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FACE THE NATION

- 12/07/08      1) Topics include: talks between Democratic Congressional leaders and the White House to give automakers \$15 billion in emergency loans to stave off collapse / Chapter 11 bankruptcy as an option to save the industry / the creation of a "car czar" - a government official in the Commerce Department, who would have the authority to force the automakers to reorganize / support for and opposition against the creation of a "car czar" / how the current economic crisis is affecting the automobile industry / the \$700 billion bailout and opinions concerning Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson's handling of the crisis and the bailout money / whether or not the current management of the "Big Three" automakers should be allowed to stay on should their companies receive a governmental bailout -- specifically Rick Wagoner, Chairman of General Motors
- 2) Topics include: support for the replacement of Rick Wagoner as Chairman of General Motors / the failures of the United States auto industry / how outside factors affected American car makers / the need for American automakers to acknowledge the revolution that is happening in the industry and for a requirement to be made that money given to them to save them is provided with the stipulation that they must formulate a plan for their survival; the recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India / the current situation and problems facing Pakistan
- Guests: Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT), Chairman, Senate Banking Committee (1); Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL), Member, Senate Budget Committee (1); Thomas Friedman, Columnist, The New York Times, and Author, "Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution and How It Can Renew America" (2)
- 12/14/08      1) Topics include: the scandal involving Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, who's been accused of trying to sell the appointment to President-elect Barack Obama's former Senate seat / the lawsuit filed with the Illinois Supreme Court, asking them to remove Governor Blagojevich from office due to questions of legitimacy and his inability to serve / belief that a special election should be held to fill the vacant Senate seat
- 2) Topics include: the blockage of the bailout plan for the American automotive industry by Senate Republicans / the role of the current White House administration in the negotiations to save the automotive industry and their desire to furnish some money to the automakers / reaction to President George W. Bush's desire to not allow the auto industry to collapse / how the current automotive industry crisis is affecting Michigan and Ohio / speculation as to when to expect word from the White House regarding their plans and what it will entail
- 3) Topics include: how the scandal involving Governor Blagojevich could impact President-elect Obama / Democratic Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr.'s discussions with Governor Blagojevich regarding the vacant Senate seat and his subsequent declaration of innocence once the scandal broke
- Guests: Lisa Madigan (D-IL), Illinois Attorney General (1); Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) (2); Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), Member, Senate Banking Committee (2); Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Member, Senate Banking Committee (2); Michael Eric Dyson, Sociologist, Georgetown University (3)

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**FACE THE NATION (continued)**

- 12/21/08      1) Topics include: support and opposition regarding the possible appointment of Caroline Kennedy to finish out Hillary Clinton's term in the Senate by New York Governor David Paterson / the importance of the appointment not being about the individual, but about the needs of the state / questions regarding her qualifications / support for the consideration of current members of Congress / reaction to Caroline Kennedy's recent trip to upstate New York / Ms. Kennedy's work with the New York City public school system / Ms. Kennedy's strengths and weaknesses as a candidate, should she run for re-election in 2010 / New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's interest in filling Senator Clinton's seat in the Senate  
2) Topics include: hearsay regarding the possible appointment of Caroline Kennedy to finish out Hillary Clinton's term in the Senate / Attorney General Cuomo's interest in the Senate position / the Kennedy mystique / current Senator Clinton's position regarding Ms. Kennedy's interest in her seat, especially since Ms. Kennedy backed President-elect Barack Obama in the race for the White House  
Guests: Joel Klein, New York City School Chancellor (1); Representative Gary Ackerman (D-NY) (1); Geraldine Ferraro, Former Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate (1); Representative Thomas Reynolds (R-NY) (1); Representative Peter King (R-NY) (1); Dominic Carter, Political Anchor, NY1 News (2)
- 12/28/08      1) Topics include: the Israeli-Hamas conflict; the Obama administration and the U.S. relationship with Israel / the factor of a possible land invasion of Gaza by Israel / Obama's current discussions with Secretary Rice and with his own national security team; the status and aspects of the economic recovery plan; the situation with Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich / the question of the release of transcripts of phone conversations which Obama aide Rahm Emanuel had with Blagojevich's office  
2) Topics include: the probability of the impeachment of Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich and his removal from office / Blagojevich's determination to keep his position / Lt. Gov. Quinn's lack of contact with Blagojevich since August 2007 / anticipated removal of Blagojevich by mid-February 2009 / question of Obama's replacement in the Senate; Lt. Gov. Quinn's optimism about reforming the Illinois state government  
3) Topics include: the recession: its anticipated duration and severity / its the worldwide impact / comparison with the 1930's / the fact that it takes time for a stimulus plan to be initiated and then start to take effect / the possibility that the projected monetary figure associated with Obama's recovery plan may not be big enough / how this recession and the response to it might change the U.S. over time / the prospect of actual bipartisan consensus in addressing the economic crisis  
Guests: David Axelrod, Obama White House Senior Advisor (1); Illinois Lt. Governor Pat Quinn (D) (2); Paul Krugman, economist and author (3)  
Guest Moderator: Chip Reid, Chief White House Correspondent





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60 MINUTES

- 12/07/08      **"The Oil Kingdom"** - a report on the oil industry in Saudi Arabia, the world's largest supplier of oil. Despite the pledge of President-elect Barack Obama and others to lessen America's use of foreign oil, Saudi Arabia isn't worried and is gearing up to produce more. With the development of horizontal drilling, they are able to access oil that was discovered thirty years ago -- enough to keep the United States as their number one customer. Those interviewed are: Ali Al-Naimi, Oil Minister of Saudi Arabia and de facto head of OPEC; Awayyid Al-Shammari, who oversees the mega-project at the Shaybah facility; Khalid Abdulqader, project manager at the Khurais field; and Abdallah Jum'ah, President and CEO of Saudi Aramco, the kingdom's national oil company. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Richard Bonin, Kathy Liu) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT**  
**"Schnabel"** - a profile/interview of American painter and film director Julian Schnabel. Includes comments from his wife, Spanish actress Olatz Lopez Garmendia. (C: Morley Safer - P: David Browning)  
**Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Gets All Wound Up"** - people and their various watches (OAD: 12/03/06)
- 12/14/08      **"Barney Frank"** - a profile/interview of Representative Barney Frank, Democratic congressman from Massachusetts. As Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, he is at the center of both the \$700 billion government bailout for the financial industry and the bailout attempt for Detroit's automakers that recently failed in the Senate. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Shachar Bar-On)  
**"Where's The Bottom?"** - a report on Alt-A and Option ARM's (adjustable rate mortgage) -- two popular types of loans that were supposed to be higher-quality mortgages -- and their potential impact on the current economic crisis. The option ARM's in particular lured borrowers in with ultra-low initial interest rates, called teaser rates, sometimes as low as one percent. But after two, three or five years, those rates reset, resulting in higher monthly payments for homeowners. Now the Alt-A and option ARM loans made back in the heyday are starting to reset, causing mortgage payments to go up and homeowners to default. Among those interviewed include: Whitney Tilson, an investment fund manager who teamed up with Amherst Securities, an investment firm that specializes in mortgages; Miami real estate broker Peter Zalewski, of Condo Vultures Realty; and Sean Egan, who runs a credit rating firm that analyzes corporate debt. (C: Scott Pelley - P: David Gelber, Joel Bach)  
**"Coach Carroll"** - a profile/interview of University of Southern California football coach Pete Carroll, who in addition to his success on the field with the USC Trojans, started an organization called "A Better LA", to stop gang violence in Los Angeles. (C: Byron Pitts - P: Catherine Olian, Joyce Cordero)  
**Andy Rooney Topic: "Andy Answers His Mail"** - What's in Andy's mailbox? See a sampling!

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**60 MINUTES (continued)**

- 12/21/08      **"Schwarzenegger"** - a profile/interview of California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, as he faces a potential \$40 billion state deficit caused by the economic decline; proposes some of the world's toughest environmental laws, which would make California a leader on climate change; and reflects on his 40th anniversary in America. (C: Scott Pelley - P: Henry Schuster)
- "Screening The TSA"** - A report on the safety measures passengers must endure at airport security checkpoints since 9/11 and whether or not they are keeping travelers protected. The Transportation Security Administration says they are, but with screeners enforcing rules viewed by most travelers as annoying and arbitrary, the TSA has launched an image makeover. Includes comments from: Bruce Schneier, a security expert who has advised the TSA and who likens the procedures to "security theater"; and Kip Hawley, outgoing head of the TSA, who believes America is under attack from terrorists. (C: Lesley Stahl - P: Karen M. Sughrue)
- "The Orphanage"** - a visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Kenya-based orphanage for elephants who were abandoned when they were less than two years old. Includes interviews with: Dame Daphne Sheldrick, the orphanage founder who has been working with elephants for 50 years and Edwin Lusichi, head of the elephant keepers. (C: Bob Simon - P: Michael H. Gavshon) (OAD: 04/09/06; a re-edited version.)
- Andy Rooney Topic: "Perusing The Christmas Catalogs"** - Looking for something to buy? Andy Rooney isn't!
- 12/28/08      **"The Road to the White House"** - a retrospective chronological review of Barack Obama's road to the presidency, incorporating never-before-seen footage along with video excerpts of previously aired 60 MINUTES segments, and unified with an original audio narrative by correspondent Steve Kroft, who was also the correspondent for all excerpted segments. Included are: (1) **"The Road to the White House" (First Steps)** - a look back at why 60 MINUTES chose to profile Barack Obama, a then-rising political phenomenon, who planned to announce his candidacy for the presidency on 02/10/07 (P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky, Tom Anderson). (2) **"The Road to the White House" (The Primaries)** - after an enthusiastic beginning, Obama's campaign hit a wall, and on the eve of the primaries, he trailed Hillary Clinton by nearly 20 points. He learned to be a great candidate, and in Iowa, his organization outmaneuvered the Clinton campaign and achieved victory, shattering Senator Clinton's aura of inevitability. (P: L. Franklin Devine, Jennifer MacDonald). (3) **"The Road to the White House" (Victory)** - Obama went to the Democratic convention assured of the nomination and made history as the first African-American presidential nominee of a major political party. In the campaign, he was locked in a dead-heat with Republican rival John McCain, and eventually achieved an historic victory on election night, appearing that night to a cheering crowd in Chicago's Grant Park (no producers listed). (4) **"The Road to the White House" (Looking Ahead)** - after Obama's victory, he remained out of sight, getting briefings and conferring with his transition team. His first post-election interview was conducted by Steve Kroft, 12 days after the election, and included his wife, Michelle Obama. (P: L. Franklin Devine, Michael Radutzky). Excerpts were taken from the following previously aired segments: "Barack Obama" (OAD: 02/11/07); "Obama '08" (OAD: 02/19/08); "Ohio" (OAD: 03/02/08); "Obama-Biden '08" (OAD: 08/31/08); "The Candidates - Obama '08" (OAD: 09/21/08); "The Inner Circle" (OAD: 11/09/08); "The Next First Family" (OAD: 11/16/08).

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY**

- 12/06/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Guessing Game"** - a report on the January 11th, 1999 murder of Belinda Temple and her unborn child. A resident of Katy, Texas, Belinda was married to David Temple, once the celebrated defensive linebacker at his high school and now a successful and respected football coach, and mother to their one son, Evan. After an afternoon of errands with Evan, David returned home to what appeared to be forced entry and found Belinda in the couple's bedroom closet, shot in the head. Homicide detectives believed that the crime scene had been staged -- nothing was stolen from the home and the way the pieces of glass fell from the broken back door of the Temple's home seemed unusual, as if the glass was broken with the door already opened. Detectives were also troubled when they learned that David was having an affair with a fellow teacher, Heather Scott, who eventually became his second wife. Three months after the crime, a grand jury was convened, but nobody was indicted. With no DNA evidence, no eyewitnesses, no murder weapon, and no incriminating fingerprints linking David Temple to the crime, years passed until 2004, when Scott Peterson was convicted of killing his pregnant wife in a trial that captured the nation's attention. The similarities in both murders gave authorities a renewed confidence in their circumstantial case against David. Prosecutor Kelly Siegler finally got some forensic evidence, when after years of laboratory snafus and delays, a critical FBI report came back and indicated traces of gunshot residue on David's jacket. On November 29th, 2004, David was arrested for the murder of his wife, Belinda. After a contentious trial with David's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, David was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 2037, when he will be 69 years old. (C: Richard Schlesinger - P: Gail Abbott Zimmerman, Jenna Jackson)
- 12/13/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Deadline For Justice" (9:00-10:00p)** - A report on the cold cases of two young women, both new to the areas where they lived, who were both raped and murdered. In the first case, in 2002, young television reporter Jennifer Servo was found murdered weeks after moving to Abilene, Texas to begin a new job at KRBC-TV. Co-workers suspected an ex-boyfriend, Ralph Sepulveda, who had moved to Texas with her, but with whom she had recently broken up. Investigators also suspected a fellow reporter, Brian Travers, who had recently begun a romantic relationship with Jennifer. In the five years since the murder, police have not been able to make an arrest but vow not to give up until the case is solved. In the second case, Patty Scoville moved to Vermont in September 1991 to become a children's ski instructor, but just three weeks later, she disappeared and was found raped and murdered on a local scenic hiking trail. The investigation turned up more than 20 suspects: men Patty knew or those who had been in the park that day. The best evidence in solving the murder would be DNA, but Vermont was one of the last states to have a DNA data base. After seven years of lobbying by her parents, the Vermont DNA database was enacted into law. Seven additional years after it was established, and fourteen years after the murder the case was solved: Howard Godfrey, a 59-year-old window installer, was charged and found guilty. (C: Harold Dow - P: Josh Gelman, Shoshannah Wolfson) (OAD: 04/19/08; Includes brief updated text graphic at the conclusion.)

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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

- 12/13/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Invitation To A Murder"** (10:00-11:00p) - Police called Mark Winger a hero on Aug. 29, 1995 when he seemingly tried to save his wife, Donnah, from being bludgeoned to death in their home by Roger Harrington, a man with a history of mental illness, whom Winger shot and killed. Four years later, DeAnn Schultz, Donnah's best friend, revealed to police that she and Mark Winger had been having an affair and that he had talked about killing his wife. Polaroid pictures revealing the position of the victims' bodies at the scene of the killings showed that Winger's account of the events lacked credibility. Seven years after the deaths of Donnah Winger and Roger Harrington, Mark Winger was tried and found guilty of murder. He was sentenced to life in prison. Segments include: "Shattered"; "A Hero's Tale"; "Dark Secret"; "Changing Tide"; "Hero Or Villain?" (C: Richard Schlesinger - Sr. P: Hal Gessner - P: Gail Zimmerman, Doug Longhini, Ian Paisley)  
Update for the 12/13/08 rebroadcast: In the Spring of 2005, an inmate at the prison in Pontiac came forward and said that Mark Winger tried to involve him in a murder-for-hire plot, with DeAnn Schultz as the intended victim and if money allowed, to also kill his father-in-law, Ira Drescher. In June 2007, Winger stood trial in Pontiac and claimed that the whole thing was a fantasy he never planned to carry out. Mark Winger was convicted of soliciting murder and sentenced to another 35 years. He will never be eligible for parole. Winger's second wife has divorced him. Donnah's parents, Sara Jane and Ira Drescher, are helping other abused women and have established a fund in Donnah's name at "Women in Distress", an organization dedicated to empowering domestic violence victims. (C: Richard Schlesinger - P: Gail Abbott Zimmerman, Doug Longhini) (OAD: 01/15/03; 1st rebroadcast: 06/13/03; 2nd rebroadcast: 08/25/04, included an update.)
- 12/20/08      **48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Power, Passion and Poison"** - a report on the death of 50-year-old Kathy Augustine, a career politician from Nevada. Questions arose about the cause of her death after police received a tip from her husband's co-worker that she may have been poisoned, and toxicology reports further confirmed the presence of the powerful paralytic drug Succinylcholine. That discovery led to further questions about the death three years earlier of her estranged husband, Charles Augustine; her subsequent and immediate marriage to Chaz Higgs, a nurse who had cared for him, and if politics played any part in her death. Upon further investigation, Chaz Higgs was arrested and charged with the murder of Kathy Augustine. He is currently free on bail and his trial is scheduled to begin next month. Nevada authorities are no longer investigating alleged threats against Augustine by political enemies. Includes interviews with Augustine's parents, Phil & Kay Alfano; Reno Police Detective, Dave Jenkins; Charles Augustine's sons from a previous marriage, Larry and Greg. (C: Troy Roberts - P: Lisa Freed, Doug Longhini, Steven Reiner)  
Update for this rebroadcast: At the trial, prosecutor Christopher Hicks portrayed Chaz Higgs as a calculated murderer, but defense attorney David Houston revealed that it was discovered that Kathy Augustine had a heart condition - mitral valve prolapse with regurgitation - and argued that she died of a heart attack. The coroner's office disagreed and stood by their original conclusion, that Kathy Augustine died from Succinylcholine toxicity. Chaz Higgs took the stand for his defense and that night, tried to commit suicide by slitting his wrists. Two days later, he returned to court, was cross examined, and denied that it was a sympathy ploy. After nine days of testimony, the jury found Chaz Higgs guilty of first degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison, but is eligible for parole in twenty years. Higgs is appealing his conviction. (C: Troy Roberts - P: Lisa Freed, Linda Martin, Doug Longhini, Steven Reiner) (OAD: 05/05/07; includes an update.)



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**48 HOURS MYSTERY (continued)**

**12/27/08**      **48 HOURS SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "The Lord's Boot Camp" (8:00-9:00p) -**  
In the summer of 2007, Tabitha Taylor, Nicole Scrivener and Valerie Smith were among the 700 American teenagers who attended a two-week session at The Lord's Boot Camp, a no-frills training camp in central Florida where the participants face physical and mental challenges as they prepare to embark on Christian evangelical missions in the U.S. and Africa. The cameras follow each of the three girls as they individually experience and express their reactions to their training, their subsequent missions in Africa or Indiana, and their eventual return home. Commentary is given by: Tabitha Taylor, of Bellwood, PA; Nicole Scrivener, of Tallahassee, FLA; Valerie Smith, of Las Vegas, NV; Bob Bland, founder, The Lord's Camp; Linda Maher, pre-teen coordinator, The Lord's Camp; Doug Peterson, director of the Zambia Mission, Ndola, Zambia, Africa. (Executive Producer: Susan Zirinsky. Producers: Steven Reiner, Gregory F. McLaughlin) (OAD: 04/12/08)

**CBS RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SPECIALS**

**12/07/08**      **"Caring For God's Creation" -** A presentation and discussion on the ongoing attempt to encourage Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Islamic, and other New Jersey congregations to address environmental issues and "think green." Reverend Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of GreenFaith, an interfaith environmental coalition based in New Jersey, discusses the recent interest in environmental issues and encourages religious groups to understand and address what those issues are, as well as explain how the poor are especially victimized by the pollution caused by an economy of waste. In Livingston, NJ, Rabbi Clifford Kulwin of Congregation B'nai Abraham and Tracey Bent, Facilities Manager, explains why the Congregation decided to go green and installed over 400 solar panels, which provide part of its electrical needs. In Newark, NJ, members of the First Hopewell Baptist Church and their Pastor, the Reverend Antonio Porter and Associate Minister Reverend Esther Hairo, join GreenFaith on a tour of some of the toxic sites in and around their city, in order to gain a mightier voice in cleaning up their city's air and water. At St. Mary's, a Franciscan-run parish in Pompton Lakes, NJ, high school students sort through the vast institution's raw garbage and trash, under the guidance of Stacey Kennealy of GreenFaith, in order to recycle their waste, while the Pastor, Reverend Kevin Downey, O.F.M., explains the Franciscan connection to greening in a greedy world. In a science classroom at Al-Hikmah Islamic School in Prospect Park, NJ, the principal, Ammany Khattab, discusses the problems of pollution and global warming and why Islamic tradition requires "greener" living, with help from GreenFaith and the student's teacher. Also featured is the Rabbi Lawrence Troster of GreenFaith, as he visits an Episcopal Church, St. John on the Mountain, in Bernardsville, NJ, to encourage church elders to join the green movement. (Producer & Narrator: Ted Holmes. Associate Producer: Aysha Ghadiali. Executive Producer & Director: John P. Blessington. Produced in consultation with: National Council of Churches; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; The Islamic Society of North America; Union for Reform Judaism; New York Board of Rabbis.)

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12/24/08      **"Voices of Christmas From The National Council of Churches"** - a Christmas special featuring the music of Christmas from a wide spectrum of the Christian faith groups that make up the interdenominational National Council of Churches. Choirs and musicians from Presbyterian, African-American Baptist, Lutheran, Moravian and Brethren traditions are featured, along with brief reflections on the meaning of Christmas from clergy and laypersons from Methodist, Reformed, Orthodox, Episcopal and other Christian communions. The program is produced in observance of the 100th anniversary of the American ecumenical movement. Host: Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. Produced by the National Council of Churches. Executive Producer: Wesley M. Pattillo. Producer/Writer: Bill Turpie. Executive Producer for CBS: John P. Blessington

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